

REMARKS

The courtesy of the Examiner in granting the undersigned attorney a personal interview on December 12, 2001 is gratefully acknowledged. During that interview, the language of Claims 15 and 22 as amended herein was discussed in light of the art of record. As noted on the Examiner Interview Summary Record, it was agreed that the amended language of such claims distinguished the invention over the Weizenburger et al. reference and address the indefiniteness rejection. The Examiner also noted that the Bentz et al. '603 reference and the Berth et al. references as being pertinent to the claims discussed during the interview.

The Bentz et al. '603 reference discloses a centrifugal fan cooling system 10 for a vehicle that includes a pair of vertically-oriented radiator cores 21 and 22 and a horizontally-oriented oil cooler 25. The vertically-oriented radiator cores 21 and 22, the horizontally-oriented oil cooler 25, and the top of a transmission 14 define an open ended chamber 27, within which a fan 28 is rotatably mounted. Thus, the Bentz et al. '603 reference discloses (1) a chamber 27 that is open ended (i.e., not bounded on every side by a radiator) and (2) a fan 28 that is disposed within the chamber 27. Independent Claim 15 specifically defines the invention as including "a fan supported externally of said chamber and adapted to cause air movement through said cooling radiators." As discussed above, the Bentz et al. '603 reference discloses a fan 28 that is disposed within the chamber 27. Thus, the Bentz et al. '603 reference does not show or suggest the invention defined in independent Claim 15. Independent Claim 22 specifically recites that "said lower portion of said support and said plurality of radiators [cooperate] to define at least four sides of said chamber that is substantially completely enclosed by said lower portion of said support and said plurality of radiators." As also discussed above, the Bentz et al. '603 reference discloses a chamber 27 that is open ended (i.e., not bounded on every side by a radiator). Thus, the Bentz et al. '603 reference does not show or suggest the invention defined in independent Claim 22.

The Berth et al. reference discloses an air cooling system including an air compartment 4 having a pair of side walls that are formed by radiators 6 and 7 and a

pair of end walls 8 and 9 that support respective fans 10 and 11. Independent Claims 15 and 22 both specifically define the invention as including “at least three radiators that are connected together to define at least three sides of a chamber wherein at least two of said sides of said chamber are not parallel with one another.” The Berth et al. reference discloses an air cooling system having only two radiators 60 and 7 that are parallel to one another. For this reason, the Berth et al. reference does not show or suggest the invention defined in independent Claims 15 and 22.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims of the same number:

15. (Amended) A radiator arrangement for a vehicle comprising:

at least three [a plurality of] radiators that are connected together to define at least three sides of a chamber wherein at least two of said sides of said chamber are not parallel with one another; and

a fan supported externally of said chamber and adapted to cause air movement through said cooling radiators.

22. (Amended) A radiator arrangement for a vehicle comprising:

a support adapted to be mounted within the vehicle, said support including a lower portion; and

at least three [a plurality of] radiators that are mounted on said support to define at least three sides of a chamber wherein at least two of said sides of said chamber are not parallel with one another, said lower portion of said support and said plurality of radiators cooperating to define at least four sides of said [a] chamber that is substantially completely enclosed by said lower portion of said support and said plurality of radiators.